

**Iowa Department of Education
Report 2007
As Required by Senate File 2272
Modified Allowable Growth Report**

Legislation passed during the 2006 Iowa legislative session required the Iowa Department of Education (DE) to report on Iowa school districts used modified allowable growth to serve students in their districts.

Data for 2006-07 school year:

Districts were previously required to request modified at-risk allowable growth no later than November 1 of the year preceding the budget year during which the program will be offered. Therefore, the data for the 2006-07 school year was collected on or about November 1, 2005 (prior to the passage of SF 2272).

- 312 of Iowa's 365 school districts indicated that they would offer at-risk services using the modified allowable growth support.
- Of the 312 districts using allowable growth, the districts are focusing on the following (districts may select more than one school level service)
 - Elementary students: 292 districts
 - Middle school/junior high students: 290 districts
 - High school students: 296 districts
 - Alternative school students: 152 districts
- A few examples of types of services currently provided through use of modified allowable growth for at risk:
 - Before/after school tutoring for at-risk students
 - Intensive in-school instruction in reading, listening skills, note-taking
 - Healthy student behaviors (study skills, productive decision making, work-based experiences)
 - Professional development for teachers and support staff (strategies for working with at-risk youth, coordination between school and home, improved behavior management)
 - School-based support services such as working with other agencies to provide primary and dental services within schools.

Data being collected for the 2007-08 school year:

Due to the passage of SF 2272, districts must now submit requests for modified allowable growth no later than December 15 of the year preceding the budget year during which the program will be offered. Therefore, data for the 2007-08 school year is just now being analyzed for a complete report.

- Data being collected includes all of the data components from previous years plus additional information being collected on each district. To date, 291 of the 365 districts have completed the required application for at-risk modified allowable growth. Data on individual districts is available upon request.

- Of the 291 districts indicating they will use allowable growth, the districts are focusing on the following (districts may select more than one school level service):
 - Elementary students: 278 districts
 - Middle school/junior high students: 277 districts
 - High school students: 271 districts
 - Alternative school students: 141 districts
- Districts must provide information in their Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP) regarding how the modified allowable growth will improve opportunities for their at-risk students.

New data being collected for 2007-08:

- Types of service by level (i.e. elementary, middle/junior high, high school, alternative school)
 - i. Academic development
 - ii. Personal/social development
 - iii. Career development
 - iv. Professional development
 - v. School-based support services
 - vi. Coordination with community-based services
 - vii. Parental support/training
 - viii. Student identification/assessment
 - ix. Evaluation of effectiveness for at-risk minority students
 - x. Evaluation of the effectiveness of services for at-risk populations other than minority